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BOE Finds Santa Barbara County Assessor's Office Meets State Standards

Sacramento – The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) released a report today stating that most properties in Santa Barbara County are properly assessed and the overall quality of the assessment roll, representing approximately \$62.8 billion in value, meets state standards, announced Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the BOE.

The [Santa Barbara County Assessment Practices Survey Report](#) addresses the quality of the 2012-13 Santa Barbara County assessment roll, and presents 13 recommendations for improving the Santa Barbara County Assessor's programs. It also includes the assessor's responses to the recommendations, which is available [online](#).

These reports provide an overview of how well the assessors' duties are performed in California's 58 counties, and identify where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county – unless specifically exempt – and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values.

Surveying the state's 58 county assessors' practices fulfills the BOE's mission of promoting statewide consistency in property tax assessment. Every five years, the BOE reviews each county's property tax assessment practices and publishes a report.

For more information on the BOE assessment practices survey program, visit:
www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm.

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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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